

From: Lesser, Ben

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Importance: Normal

Subject: FW: Discussion of 108b pilot projects

Start Date/Time: Thur 10/15/2015 8:00:00 PM

End Date/Time: Thur 10/15/2015 8:30:00 PM

Ken and Shahid,

Doug Dixon of OECA has declined the meeting evite because he'll be commuting home at that time. However, Bruce Kulpan has accepted and has invited Deniz Ergener and Jared Hautamaki. Suggest we hold the call and see how it goes.

Let me know if you disagree, otherwise I'll talk with you at 4pm EDT today. Note the call in number on the evite please.

With regards,

Ben

Ben Lesser
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-----Original Appointment-----

From: Lesser, Ben

Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2015 11:30 AM

To: Lesser, Ben; Mahmud, Shahid; Kulpan, Bruce; Dixon, Douglas; Marcy, Ken

Cc: Ergener, Deniz; Hautamaki, Jared

Subject: Discussion of 108b pilot projects

When: Thursday, October 15, 2015 4:00 PM-4:30 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: DCRoomPYN6781/DC-Potomac-Yard-North-OSW; CALL

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During this meeting we will discuss Ken's proposed pilot projects (see below) and:

- 1) Review lessons learned from the last pilot project
- 2) Review reasons for selection of the Buckhorn Mine and Kettle River Tailings Facility as pilot projects
- 3) Develop an objectives (goal) statement for this project
- 4) Develop metrics for this project to assure that we fulfill the objectives

Although half an hour isn't long enough for this discussion, that's what's available on calendars. Both Bruce and Doug show tentative commitments during this time and I'm hoping that they can free themselves to engage with us so that we can move forward with this project. If not, we'll have to schedule for noon (EDT) next Tuesday or wait until 10/26 to meet.

From: Lesser, Ben
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 9:26 AM
To: Marcy, Ken; Kulpan, Bruce
Cc: Mahmud, Shahid
Subject: RE: 108b pilot projects

Ok. I will ask my budget folks about the missing \$ and see if we can get \$50k.

Ben

From: Marcy, Ken
Sent: Friday, October 09, 2015 6:18 PM
To: Lesser, Ben; Kulpan, Bruce
Cc: Mahmud, Shahid
Subject: RE: 108b pilot projects

Ben - there were originally three sites - the Buckhorn/Kettle River, Grouse Creek, and Kinross Delamar. We decided to focus on the first site since GC and KD are only focused on FA for long term water treatment. The Buckhorn mine is an underground gold mine (several water quality violations) but processing and tailings disposal occur about 50 miles away at the Kettle River site. R10 wants funding to complete an SI with analysis of release scenarios from the tailings facility - and a Financial Assurance cost estimate (Kuipers). We could spend a good 50K just on this site, if not more - so I'd like to request the full 50. Thanks, Ken

From: Lesser, Ben
Sent: Friday, October 09, 2015 2:25 PM
To: Marcy, Ken <Marcy.Ken@epa.gov>; Kulpan, Bruce <Kulpan.Bruce@epa.gov>
Cc: Mahmud, Shahid <Mahmud.Shahid@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: 108b pilot projects

Sorry--you've named them below. No third site, I assume? I think someone mentioned to me that there would be only two sites. Perhaps that decreases the need somewhat. Please let me know.

From: Lesser, Ben
Sent: Friday, October 09, 2015 5:19 PM
To: Marcy, Ken; Kulpan, Bruce
Cc: Mahmud, Shahid
Subject: RE: 108b pilot projects

Ken,

The initial proposal was for \$75k (see attached.) My office's August execution report shows \$40k committed, \$35k remaining. The September report just shows \$35k. Someone has apparently been drawing down the funds, or perhaps they were shifted to another, more active, work assignment.

In any case, I don't recall the final pilot sites being chosen. If they have been chosen I would like to know what they are, and your schedule for committing (better yet, obligating) the remaining funds.

Also, need to know whether you, Bruce or Shahid knows where the \$40k has gone before I go asking my budget folks.

Thanks,

Ben

From: Marcy, Ken
Sent: Friday, October 09, 2015 4:37 PM
To: Lesser, Ben; Kulpan, Bruce
Cc: Mahmud, Shahid
Subject: RE: 108b pilot projects

Ben- are you referring to the OECA enforcement initiative? My understanding was that we were getting 50K for this. We are targeting the Buckhorn Mine and Kettle River tailings facility (WA) for this project. I've been in contact with Washington State Department of Ecology, and looks like great timing - they are having difficulty with

Kinross concerning getting FA in place - the iron is hot, so if we could nail down the timing on this, and get the \$ on our START contract, that would be great. We would want Kuipers and Associates for the FA piece - wondering if we work through the Skeo contract on that, or have START sub out to him.

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From: Lesser, Ben

Sent: Friday, October 09, 2015 12:48 PM

To: Marcy, Ken <Marcy.Ken@epa.gov>; Kulpan, Bruce <Kulpan.Bruce@epa.gov>

Cc: Mahmud, Shahid <Mahmud.Shahid@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: 108b pilot projects

Bruce, has this \$35k been obligated?

Thanks,

Ben

From: Lesser, Ben

Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 3:34 PM

To: Marcy, Ken

Cc: Mahmud, Shahid (Mahmud.Shahid@epa.gov)
Subject: 108b pilot projects

Ken,

Following our phone conversation just now, I've attached as promised the funding proposal that was accepted for the FY15 operating plan.

I understand that you have now identified a couple of mines to serve as pilot sites and I look forward to learning their identities and, even more, to learning that the funds have been obligated to a contract so that the work can commence and the money is no longer at risk of being rescinded and used elsewhere.

With regards,

Ben

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